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Attention: Commissioner for Patents

Attorney Docket PD-201124

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Inventor: David B. Donahue, et al.

Serial No.: 09/996,276

Filed: November 27, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATIC CONFIGURATION OF A BI-DIRECTIONAL IP
COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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PATENT
Docket No. PD-201124

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: David B. Donahue, et al.

Serial No. 09/896,276

Filed: November 27, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATIC CONFIGURATION OF A
BI-DIRECTIONAL IP COMMUNICATION DEVICE

Date: July 18, 2006

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for () months to respond to the Office Action dated ().
If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Fee \$ _____

An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of
is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$ _____
Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

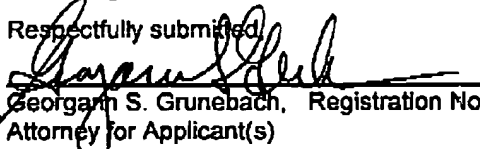
Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated _____.
However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

☒ No additional fee for claims is required.☒ The Claims have been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	25 minus	27*	=	0 x	\$ 50 00	\$ -0-	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5 minus	5*	=	0 x	\$ 200 00	\$ -0-	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				x	\$ 360 00	\$ -0-	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						\$ -0-	

Charge \$ -0- to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. (formerly Hughes Electronics Corporation), El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,


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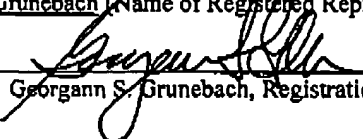
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In re application of: David B. Donahue

Group Art Unit: 2155

Confirmation No: 2346

Serial No: 09/996,276

Examiner: Faruk Hamza

Filed: November 27, 2001

Docket No.: PD-201124

For: System and Method for Automatic Configuration of a Bi-
Directional IP Communication DeviceAMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: